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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing a calendered hydrocolloid dressing comprising the steps of:

- a. blending a backing film composition, said backing film composition including an ethylene based copolymer;
- b. extruding the backing film composition;
- c. calendering the backing film composition between a top roll and a center roll to form a backing film layer;
- d. blending ~~an~~ a polymeric pressure-sensitive adhesive composition, said polymeric pressure-sensitive adhesive composition including a hydrocolloid; and
- e. calendering the adhesive composition between the center roll and a lower roll to form a hydrocolloid dressing comprising a backing film layer and an adhesive layer, wherein the polymeric pressure-sensitive adhesive composition is applied and calendered directly onto the backing film layer such that formation of an adhesive layer of said polymeric pressure-sensitive adhesive composition and lamination of said adhesive layer to said backing film ~~composition~~ layer is achieved in a single manufacturing step.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of adhering a release liner layer to a lower surface area of the hydrocolloid dressing.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A calendered hydrocolloid dressing prepared by the method of claim 21 or 22.

Claim 24-25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): The method of claim ~~25~~ 21, wherein said ethylene based copolymer is one or a combination of any of an ethylene acrylic acrylate, ethylene butyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate or ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer.